

LCdr (N) Peter van der Horden



Peter immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in 1954 with his parents. They first set foot on Canadian soil at Pier 21 in Halifax.

Pete got his start with music through his involvement with The Salvation Army. At the age of 17, he left home to enroll with the Canadian Forces pursuing a career with the Band Branch with trombone as his primary instrument. In 1987, he was selected to be commissioned from the ranks and the following year took command of the Canadian Forces Vimy Band in Kingston, ON.

In 1993, Peter was posted to Halifax as the Director of Music for the Stadacona Band of Maritime Forces Atlantic. He held this position until May 2001 when he chose to retire after 37 years of service. He retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Some of his career highlights include band trips to Germany, Switzerland, France, Russia, China, England, Bermuda and a tattoo in his homeland of The Netherlands.

Peter remains actively involved with The Salvation Army presently conducting the Halifax West Band. He also thoroughly enjoys his affiliation with the Sackville Concert Band both as player, assistant conductor and through his contribution of various arrangements for the band.